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EMBARGOED: NORTH CAROLINA AWARDS SET FOR NOVEMBER 8

RECIPIENTS' IDENTITIES EMBARGOED UNTIL CERERMONY

(ASSIGNMENT/CALENDAR EDITORS: The North Carolina Awards will be presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the Sheraton Imperial in Research Triangle Park. The dinner and presentation ceremony require tickets. There will be a photo opportunity with the award recipients at 5:45 p.m. the day of the ceremony. Contact the Cultural Resources Information and Marketing Services Office, (919) 807-7389 or 7385, by Friday, Nov. 3, for additional information and biographical background.

(RALEIGH) -- The North Carolina Awards, the state's highest civilian honor, will be presented at a banquet held at the Sheraton Imperial Center in Research Triangle Park on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. The awards recognize outstanding achievements by North Carolinians in the fields of fine arts, science, literature and public service. This year's ceremony is the 43rd annual public presentation of the prestigious award.

Honorees this year are William T. Williams, of New York City, for fine arts; Emily Herring Wilson, of Winston-Salem and Michael F. Parker, of Greensboro, both for literature; Charles A. Sanders, M.D., of Durham, for Science; and Thomas K. Hearn, Jr., of Winston-Salem, James E. Holshouser, Jr., of Southern Pine, and Roy Parker, Jr., of Fayetteville, all for public service.

"The North Carolina Awards honor our most creative and hard-working citizens, said Department of Cultural Resources Secretary Lisbeth C. "Libba" Evans. "Each one of them enriches our lives through their dedication and achievements."

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